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1. ZAMBIAN PRESS OCTOBER 13 CARRIED NO EDITORIAL COMMENT ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, NOTED CROSLAND'S STATEMENTS IN PARLIAMENT OCTOBER 12, REPORTED NKOMO ANC NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING IN SALISBURY AND PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S WELCOMING OF BRITISH ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENEVA CONFERENCE (REPORTED SEPTTEL).

2. REPORT OF CROSLAND S STATEMENTS IN PARLIAMENT NOTES THAT INVITATIONS WERE ISSUED TO MUGABE, NKOMO, AND MUZOREWA OCTOBER 11 AND THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER, WHO HAD PLAYED A "CRITICAL AND CRUCIAL ROLE", WOULD NOT BE TAKING PART IN CONFERENCE. ACCORDING TO SALISBURY REPORT, RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY SMITH AND FOUR MINISTERS ACCOMPANIED BY OTHER RHODESIAN OFFICIALS.

3. BOTH PAPERS CARRIED ARTICLES, DATELINED SALISBURY, IN WHICH  
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NKOMO SAID HE WAS ENCOUNTERING PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES IN FORMING HIS GROUP S DELEGATION TO GENEVA AND NEEDED MORE TIME, NKOMO S FACTION HAS PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD, SOME OF THEM IN EXILE. NKOMO ALSO CONFIRMED HE AND MUGABE WOULD JOINTLY HEAD DELEGATION TO GENEVA. NKOMO'S NUMBER TWO, JOSIAH CHINAMANO, WHEN ASKED ABOUT SMITH S INSISTENCE THAT PORTFOLIOS OF DEFENSE AND LAW AND ORDER SHOULD BE HELD BY WHITES REPLIED, "WE WILL WAIT FOR THE CONFERENCE AND SEE WHAT HE HAS TO SAY. WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN PUBLIC POSTURING". ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS OF MUZOREWA'S FACTION, HIS GROUP HAS DELEGATION OF 12 READY TO GO TO GENEVA. LOW

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